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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

The applicant(s) wish to make of record the Office Action issued on May 20, 2004 for Application Ser. No. 10/013,451 (filed 12/13/01) and the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.

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RELATED CASES

Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. **In accordance with discussions on August 4, 2004 with Mr. Nicholas P. Godici, Commissioner for Patents, it is no longer required to submit copies of cited pending applications. A modification of the Rules will be published soon in the Official Gazette.** Cited issued patents, if any, are listed on the attached PTO form 1449.

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LIST OF RELATED CASES

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